

Currently, only 89 percent of adults in Washington have a high school diploma or equivalent, and just less than 50 percent of these adults have a postsecondary credential. By 2023, Washington State is aiming for all adults in the state to have a high school diploma and at least 70 percent of adults to have a post-secondary credential.

Getting students on the pathway to success after high school is where the Common Core State Standards come in. They provide clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade.



SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

The Smarter Balanced assessment system, which is aligned to the new Common Core State Standards, provides a way to measure student progress on those standards throughout the year and make adjustments and interventions as necessary to help ensure students are on the pathway to success. The assessments are administered in grades 3 - 8 and 11.



HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

The High School & Beyond Plan brings parent/guardians, educators and students together to develop each student's personalized pathway toward college- and career-readiness. The plan outlines educational and career goals, and the courses, exams, and community or work-related experiences necessary to get them there. Review the plan with your family, teachers and guidance counselors throughout high school to make sure you're on track to reach your goals.



Your **Smarter Balanced Assessment** scores will fall into one of four levels. You will receive a SBA score for math and a separate SBA score for English. Whether you score 1-2, or 3-4, there is a pathway to success.



YOU'VE GOT THIS!

You have many options after high school, but it's going to take hard work and extra help to get there.



Stay focused!

Meet with your counselors and make sure to focus on areas of improvement.



Ask for help!

Check in with your teachers, counselor and/or parents about extra help.



Challenge yourself!

Take more rigorous courses.

YOU CAN DO THIS!

You **CAN** go to college, but it's going to take focus, determination and extra help to get there.



Transition courses

For high school seniors who need additional help to prepare for entering and being successful in college, teams of teachers and college faculty are developing and piloting transition courses.



Apprenticeship



College or University



Professional Technical Program



Military



After receiving your SBA scores in both English and math, work with your parents/guardians, counselor and teachers to develop a **High School & Beyond Plan** to help set goals for your high school years.



GREAT WORK!

You're on the college- and career-ready path!



Maintain a challenging yet manageable schedule.



Keep your parent(s)/guardians in the loop.



Plan ahead!

Find out what rigorous classes you can take as well as those that offer college credit.

9TH GRADE



Check in regularly with your teachers, parents, and counselor to make sure you stick to your plan.

10TH GRADE



HS+BP Check-in



KEEP IT UP!

You're on target to be college- and career-ready by 12th grade.

12TH GRADE



HS+BP Check-in



Save money!

Earn college credit and reduce costs through Running Start, Advanced Placement, or other dual-credit options.



You've graduated from high school with the skills to succeed in whatever path you choose!

